

House Resolution 618

By: Representatives Collins of the 95th, Richardson of the 19th, Smyre of the 132nd, Mangham of the 94th, and Hembree of the 67th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing March, 2009, as Kidney Disease Prevention Month at the state capitol; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, in 2006, more than 17,400 residents in Georgia suffered permanent, irreversible
4 kidney failure known as end-stage kidney disease and required kidney dialysis or a kidney
5 transplant in order to survive; and

6 WHEREAS, 2,419 Georgians were on the wait list for a kidney transplant as of February,
7 2009; and

8 WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation estimates that as many as 26 million
9 Americans, or 1 in 9 adults, have chronic kidney disease; and

10 WHEREAS, most individuals with end-stage kidney disease, regardless of their age, rely on
11 either Medicare or Medicaid as the primary payor of dialysis; and

12 WHEREAS, early detection and treatment of kidney disease could delay the progression of
13 chronic kidney disease, resulting in fewer patients requiring dialysis treatments or a kidney
14 transplant; and

15 WHEREAS, the National Kidney Foundation of Georgia provides programs and services for
16 kidney patients and their families and hosts kidney disease screenings for high-risk patients,
17 including individuals with diabetes or hypertension; and

18 WHEREAS, March 12, 2009, has been declared World Kidney Day and March is National
19 Kidney Month in America, and, in recognition, each citizen of this state is encouraged to
20 become aware of the leading causes of kidney disease and to be tested for early detection
21 through their physician or at a community based screening.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
23 the members of this body commend the outstanding services the National Kidney Foundation
24 of Georgia provides for citizens of Georgia and recognize March, 2009, as Kidney Disease
25 Prevention Month at the state capitol.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Kidney
28 Foundation of Georgia.